

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of: )  
MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al. )  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR )  
ELEMENT, INK TANK, INK JET )  
RECORDING APPARATUS )  
PROVIDED WITH INK TANK, )  
LIQUID INFORMATION )  
ACQUIRING METHOD AND )  
LIQUID PHYSICAL PROPERTY )  
CHANGE DISCRIMINATING )  
METHOD )

August 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application, as follows: